

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for preventing delivery of selected SMS messages, comprising the steps of:

receiving an SMS message destined for an end user;

determining that one or more telephone numbers are associated with the SMS message by searching in either a “short_message” parameter or a “callback_num” parameter associated with the SMS message;

comparing the one or more telephone numbers to a plurality of predetermined telephone numbers, and

selectively preventing delivery of the SMS message to the end user if any of the one or more telephone numbers associated with the SMS message matches any of the plurality of predefined telephone numbers in the list.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 2-1, wherein the determining step further comprises the step of:

searching the “short_message” parameter ~~text~~ of the SMS message for a plurality of numbers having a predefined pattern.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprising the step of:

searching for the one or more telephone numbers in ~~the text~~ the “short_message” parameter of the SMS message; and

searching for the one or more telephone numbers in the “callback_num” parameter.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the predefined pattern includes one of a group of 7 and 10 numbers.

